A BRAND NEW AND FANTASTIC FULL-COLOR ONESHOT!

ASUMIKO NAKAMURA

ADOLTE AND ADARTE

I AM KNOWN AS ADOLTE.
FROM A YOUNG AGE, I WAS RAISED BY A WET NURSE.

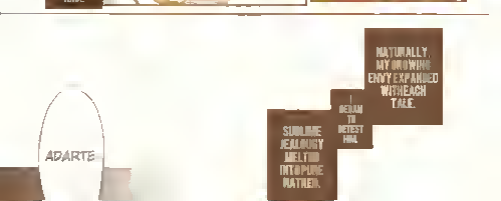
THREE TIMES EACH DAY, SHE WOULD DELIVER MY DAILY MEALS AND TUCK ME INTO BED AT NIGHT.
AS TIME PASSED, THE WET NURSE GRADUALLY GOT OLDER AND PASSED AWAY. NOW I DON'T HAVE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE WATCHING THE DAYS TO PASS ALONE.
EVERY MOMENT SHE LOOKED UPON ME, SHE WOULD SUDDENLY BREAK DOWN INTO A PERPLEXITY OF SORROWFUL TEARS
THEN, ONE FATEFUL NIGHT
WAILING!

WHO'S OUT THERE?

A MIRROR?
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU?
YOU'RE MISTAKEN
NEITHER OF US ARE REFLECTIONS
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THE SAME QUESTIONS
FIRST START BY PERHAPS YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF

BEGINNING THAT NIGHT, ADARTE WOULD CONCEAL HIMSELF UNDER THE CLOAK OF DARKNESS IN ORDER TO SECRETLY VISIT WITH ME NIGHT AFTER NIGHT.

OUR CONVERSATIONS COVERED COUNTLESS FASCINATING TOPICS.
THE LIFESTYLE OF A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.
ROYAL OUTFITS AND HAIRSTYLES CHANGED WITH EVERY PASSING DAY.
THE MATURE MIND CAN'T RESIST SPICY GOSSIP.
THE CLINICALLY ANALYZING DISCUSSION GIVEN THE SIMPLEST MATTERS.
PECULIAR VISITS FROM FOREIGN AMBASSADORS.
RAINBOWS PAINTING THE SKY AND THE VAST OCEANS
FELLING BUTTERFLIES SPACED FAR BEYOND THE HORIZON
BEAUTIFUL MAIDENS WITH FLOWING HAIR.


NATURALLY, MY GROWING ENVY EXPANDED WITH EACH TALE.
BEGAN TO DETEST HIM.
SUBLIME JEALOUSY MELTED INTO PURE HATRED.
ADARTE

DOUBTLESSLY THIS DOOR IS TOO STURDY FOR ESTELLE.
HOWEVER, ESCAPE IS ALSO DIFFICULT.
YOU DESIRE TO JOIN ME IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
WHAT CONCERNING YOU ALICIZES?
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE THE CROWN PRINCE.
CERTAINLY, YOU MUST HAVE ONE OR TWO REVOLVER MEN WITH THE STRENGTH ENOUGH TO SMASH THIS DOOR.
BUT
JUST FOR A SINGLE DAY I'M BEGGING YOU ADARTE

WE CAN SWITCH ROLES RIGHT NOW NOBODY WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
AND I'LL CUT OFF HIS [illegible] WITHOUT EVEN FEELING A PROBLEM
ADARTE
SOON YOU'LL REACH YOUR COMING OF AGE
DEATH WILL CONSUME YOU, ADARTE
ADARTE UNLOCKED THE DOOR

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HOLD ON I'LL BE BACK SOON
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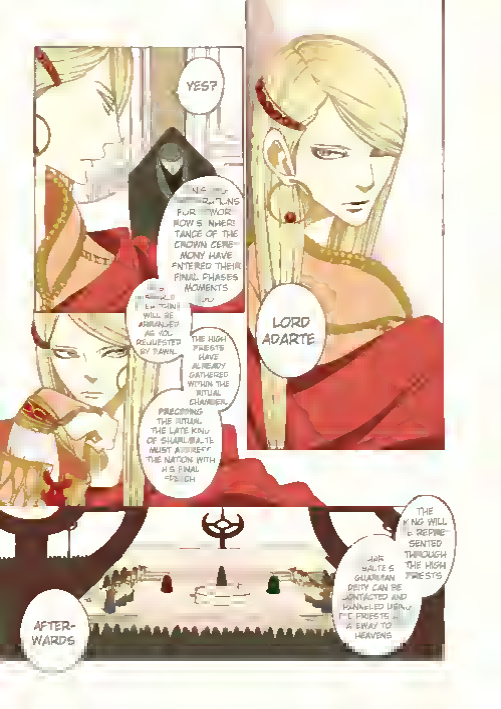
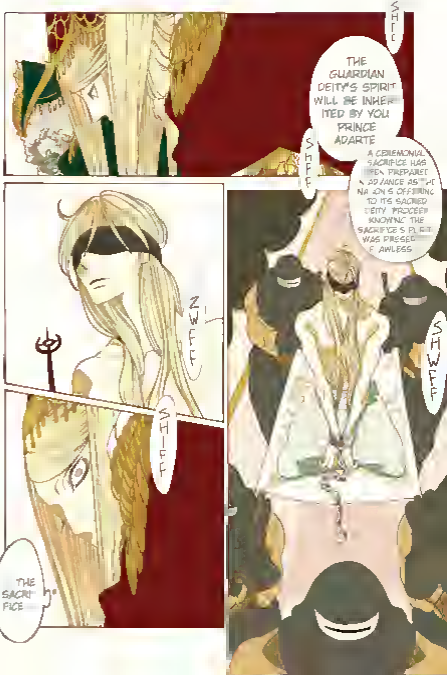
SEVERAL YEARS PASSED BY.

CROWN PRINCE


YES?
LORD ADARTE
THE HIGH PRIESTS HAVE ALREADY GATHERED WITHIN THE RITUAL CHAMBER.
PRECEDING THE RITUAL THE LATE KING OF SHARLIBA-TE MUST ABSTRACT THE NATION WITH HIS FINAL SPEECH
THE KING WILL BE DEPRIVED SENTED THROUGH THE HIGH PRIESTS
AFTER-WARDS


SHIFF
THE GUARDIAN DEITY'S SPIRIT WILL BE INHERITED BY YOU PRINCE ADARTE
SHIFF
A CEREMONIAL SACRIFICE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND DANCE AS THE NATION'S OFFERING TO ITS SACRED DEITY PROCEED KNOWING THE SACRIFICE'S PLIGHT WAS PRESERVED AWLESS
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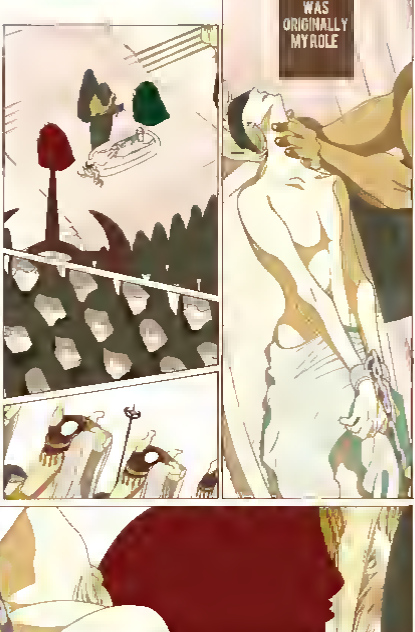
THE SACRIFICE


WAS
ORIGINALLY
MY ROLE

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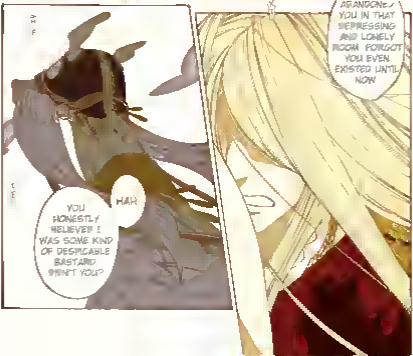
FWOOSH
THE CROWN PRINCE!!
AHHH

THE PRINCE!
CROWN PRINCE?
PLOTTING AGAINST THE ROYAL DYNASTY?
TRAITOR!

THE NATIONAL BORDER'S STRAIGHT AHEAD! HANG ON, ADOLTE!

WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?


I ABANDONED YOU IN THAT DEPRESSING AND LONELY ROOM. FORGOT YOU EVEN EXISTED UNTIL NOW.
AH.
YOU HONESTLY BELIEVED I WAS SOME KIND OF DESPICABLE BASTARD, DIDN'T YOU?

NEVER FORGET WE WERE ONCE THE 14 GENERATION CROWN PRINCES OF THE SHARLIHALTE DYNASTY
WE'LL TAKE ON THE WORLD TOGETHER. ADOLTE AND ADARTE NO STRINGS ATTACHED.
THOUGH RIGHT NOW I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT TITLE

NOTHING ELSE MATTERS ANYMORE

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BROTHER?

TRANSLATION STEALTH TEAM
LOOTING ELEGANCE